



# ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH BULLETIN



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4th Sunday of Lent

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## MASS INTENTIONS Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ashbourne

Sat. 5th Mar.	6.00pm	Av. Ann Dehaene
Sun. 6th Mar.	9.00am	Av. Elizabeth Grattan
Sun. 6th Mar.	11.00am	Months Memory Teresa Murphy
Sun. 6th Mar.	12.30pm	Av. John Farrell
Mon. 7th Mar.	7.30am 10.00am	Special Intention Special Intention
Tues. 8th Mar.	7.30am 10.00am	People of the Parish Special Intention *
Wed. 9th Mar	7.30 am 10.00 am	People of the Parish Av. Annie Seagrave & also remem. her husband Joseph
Thur 10th Mar.	7.30 am 10.00am	People of the Parish Av. Margaret & John McManus
Fri. 11th Mar.	7.30 am 10.00 am	People of the Parish Sympathisers with the family of Paul Meleady RIP
Sat.12th Mar.	10.00am	Av. Thomas Byrne
Sat. 12th Mar.	6.00pm	Av. John Gernon
Sun.13th Mar.	9.00am	Av. Angela Foy
Sun. 13th Mar.	11.00am	Months Memory Christy O'Neill
Sun.13th Mar.	12.30pm	Av. Peter Fennelly

## St. Patrick's Church, Donaghmore

Sun. 6th Mar.	10.00 am	Av. Paddy & Ciss Murray Av. Gerard, Andrea & Christian Hoste
Sun. 13th Mar.	10.00 am	Av. Laurence Kearns

## TRÓCAIRE

This weekend we welcome Olive Moore, native of Ashbourne working with Trócaire who will speak to us about the work carried out by Trócaire in developing countries. During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we are invited to join in the fight for justice on behalf of the world's most vulnerable people—those who are oppressed, vulnerable, outcast and forced to flee from their homes. Please rediscover mercy this holy Lenten season.

## THE NAVIGATIO PROGRAMME

St Mary's Navan, Sunday Feb 28th at 4pm. This programme is for people considering a vocation to the priesthood. Please continue to pray for vocations in our diocese.

## A Prayer for those who have Entered Eternal Rest:

Josephine Walsh, Castle Crescent;  
Bernd Felten, Rath Lodge.

*May they rest in the peace of the Risen Christ. Amen*



### Ashbourne:

1st & 2nd Sunday of the month  
at 1.30pm.  
3rd Saturday of the month at  
4pm.

### Donaghmore:

Sunday 29th May 2016 after  
10am Mass.

### Pre-Baptism Meeting

Next talk will take place on  
Monday 14th March 2016 in the  
Parish Hall, Ashbourne at 8pm.

*Baptism Registration Forms are  
available on the Parish Website.*



### Sacraments and Devotions

#### Morning Masses:

Mon.-Fri. 7.30 am & 10 a.m..  
Sat. 10.00 a.m.  
Ashbourne

#### Holy Hour:

Tues. 10.30a.m. to 11.30 a.m.  
Thurs. 8-9 p.m.

#### Confessions:

Wednesday 6-7pm  
Saturday after 10 a.m. Mass

#### Rosary:

Ashbourne Church  
Mon.-Fri. 9.30am  
Mon.-Fri. after 10am Mass  
Mon.-Fri. 7.30 p.m.

## CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Smith with the priests and religious of the Diocese of Meath in the Cathedral on **Wednesday 23 March at 7pm.** In the context of the Jubilee of Mercy, several priests will be available to hear confessions in the Cathedral from 6pm. People may wish to take the opportunity to visit the Holy Door and obtain the jubilee indulgence.

## FOR THOSE ELECTED TO THE DÁIL

O God, who arrange all things in wondrous order and govern in marvellous ways look with favour on the assembled, for whom we now pray, and mercifully pour out upon them the spirit of your wisdom, that they may decide everything for the wellbeing and peace of all and may never turn aside from your will. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit one God, for ever and ever.

*Prayer from the Roman Missal for a Governing Assembly*

## WORLD YOUTH DAY KRAKOW, POLAND 2016

As a Lenten act to deepen your faith you could book a place on the bus to the Krakow WYD! How about joining a gathering of over one million young Catholics from around the world with Pope Francis this summer? WYD is for young people (18-35) who wish to share and celebrate their faith. From 18th July to 2nd August the youth of the Diocese of Meath will be participating in this amazing event. Further information on: [www.dioceseofmeath.ie/youth](http://www.dioceseofmeath.ie/youth)

### PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

Fr. Derek Darby P.P. - 8350547  
Fr. Ciarán Clarke—8350406  
Priest on Duty Fr. Derek 087 6757554

### PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

9.30 a.m.—12 Noon Mon. to Fri.  
10.00 a.m.—12 Noon Sat.  
Phone: 01 8353149

### PARISH HALL

Bookings for the Parish Hall can be made  
with Greg on 086 7327737 or  
[parishhall2014@gmail.com](mailto:parishhall2014@gmail.com)

## PARISH NOTICES

**JOIN US** for tea or coffee after the 11 a.m. Mass each Sunday in the Parish Hall. All welcome.

**LEGION OF MARY** meet on Thursdays at 8 p.m. in Parish Office. All welcome.

**MEDITATION** on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All welcome.

**YOUTH 2000 Prayer Group** will meet on Tuesday 8-9 p.m. in the John Paul II Oratory (formerly the Crying Room) ages 16-35 years. All welcome.

**BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT:** Drop-in Centre on 3rd Tues. of each month 8-9pm or anytime by appointment. Tel. 087 2715222.

**THE MEN'S SHED** open every Wednesday and Friday 10.30am to 1pm at the Pre-fab Building, Church Grounds, Ashbourne.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME-August 2016** will be led by Bishop Smith from Aug. 19th-27th 2016. Reservations to: Mullingar Travel, Tel. 044 9340587 or email [connie.galligan@mullingartravel.ie](mailto:connie.galligan@mullingartravel.ie).

**MEDJUGOREJE IRISH CENTRE:** If you are interested in going to Medjugorje as part of a group please get in touch with at [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com) or call 01 4434510.

**IRISH CANCER SOCIETY:** Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Coffee Morning. Amount collected €4,300.

**LIGHT THE FIRE! St. Patrick's Day 2016** - You are invited to a special event on the Hill of Slane to pray together for Ireland, on the very spot where St. Patrick lit the Easter Fire. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Smith at 5.30 p.m. 17th March, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. For more information call 041 9830441.



### DAY OF PRAYER AND PENANCE

*Saturday 12th March will be dedicated to Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions from 7am until 7pm.*

These 40 days are a valuable opportunity to make our peace with God and neighbour, and to leave the past behind. Parishioners are invited to attend daily Mass or pray before the Blessed Sacrament. There will be a priest on duty in the Church during these 12 hours and available to hear confessions in preparation for Easter. We encourage parents to bring their children to receive the Sacrament; likewise, please offer a lift to a neighbour or relative who might wish to participate in the Eucharistic adoration.

### ELECTRICAL UPGRADING

Work on the rewiring of the church in Ashbourne continues. Daily Mass will return to the main body of the church for the foreseeable future. This project is part of the upgrading of the electrical, lighting and sound systems in the church.

**Please be advised as of next weekend there will be no access to the church via the former crying room due to scaffolding and the removal of seating.**

### NEW COLLECTORS

We would like to thank you for your cooperation and patience as the new procedures for the offertory collection come into effect.

We urgently require the assistance of a number of additional collectors for Masses in the parish. Anyone interested in volunteering, please contact the Parish Office.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic adoration on Thursday 10th March will take place at 5-6pm.

### NEW PROCEDURES FOR HOLY COMMUNION

When receiving Holy Communion please approach through the centre aisle ONLY and return to your seat by the side aisles. This will assist in the respectful reception of Holy Communion, and the care and safety of our little parishioners and the elderly.

### PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 2016

Fr. Derek will lead a pilgrimage as Spiritual Director to the Holy Land in association with 'Pilgrimage People' - 31st October-7th November. Price: €1300 per person sharing. Price includes return airfares including hold baggage, accommodation in 3\* hotels on a half-board basis, all transport whilst in the Holy Land, services of a professional guide and all entrance fees. Further details from the Parish Office or [www.pilgrimagepeople.org/](http://www.pilgrimagepeople.org/) [info@pilgrimagepeople.org](mailto:info@pilgrimagepeople.org)

### INFORMATION EVENING

#### Educate Together National School & Gaelscoil na Mí

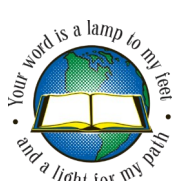
An Information Evening for parents with children attending Educate Together National School or Gaelscoil na Mí who are currently in Senior Infants and who wish their children to receive First Holy Communion in 2018 will take place Thursday 10th March next in Ashbourne Church:

7.30pm for ETNS

8.30pm for Gaelscoil na Mí.

Registration Forms will be distributed at the meeting for enrolling children in the Parish Sacramental Preparation Programme which will commence in September 2016.

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD



Additional volunteers are invited to become Ministers of the Word at daily and weekend Masses. Training will be provided before assuming this invaluable ministry. If interested, please contact the Parish Office.

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### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is renewing some of its membership in the coming weeks. We invite you to contribute to through sharing your views, your ideas, and your gifts and talents, as a member of our Parish Pastoral Council. We are seeking new members from the whole parish community and we ask you to think and pray how best to contribute to our parish community. Anyone interested in contributing to parish life through the work of the PPC should contact the Parish Office.

### 2016 DAWN MASS



On Easter Sunday morning the parish will celebrate Mass at dawn (7am) at the site of the monument of the Battle of Ashbourne.

Assistance would be greatly appreciated in the preparations for the Mass. Anyone willing to assist should contact Fr. Derek.

Later in the year, the Parish will host 'Remembering the Brave', a specially commissioned concert performed by 'Lassus', Dublin Choral Foundation's new choir. The concert will include the music, poetry and reflections from 1916.



**Daily Mass Schedule**  
(Mon-Fri) 7.30am  
(Mon-Sat) 10am

**Sacrament of Confession**  
Wednesday 6-7 p.m.  
Saturday after 10 a.m. Mass

**Trócaire Boxes** are now available at the back of the church. We would encourage each family to take a Lenten Pack home in support of Trócaire's Lenten campaign.



**Collections**  
Ashbourne Plate €1,345; Donaghmore Plate €195; Parish Fund €1,010.  
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